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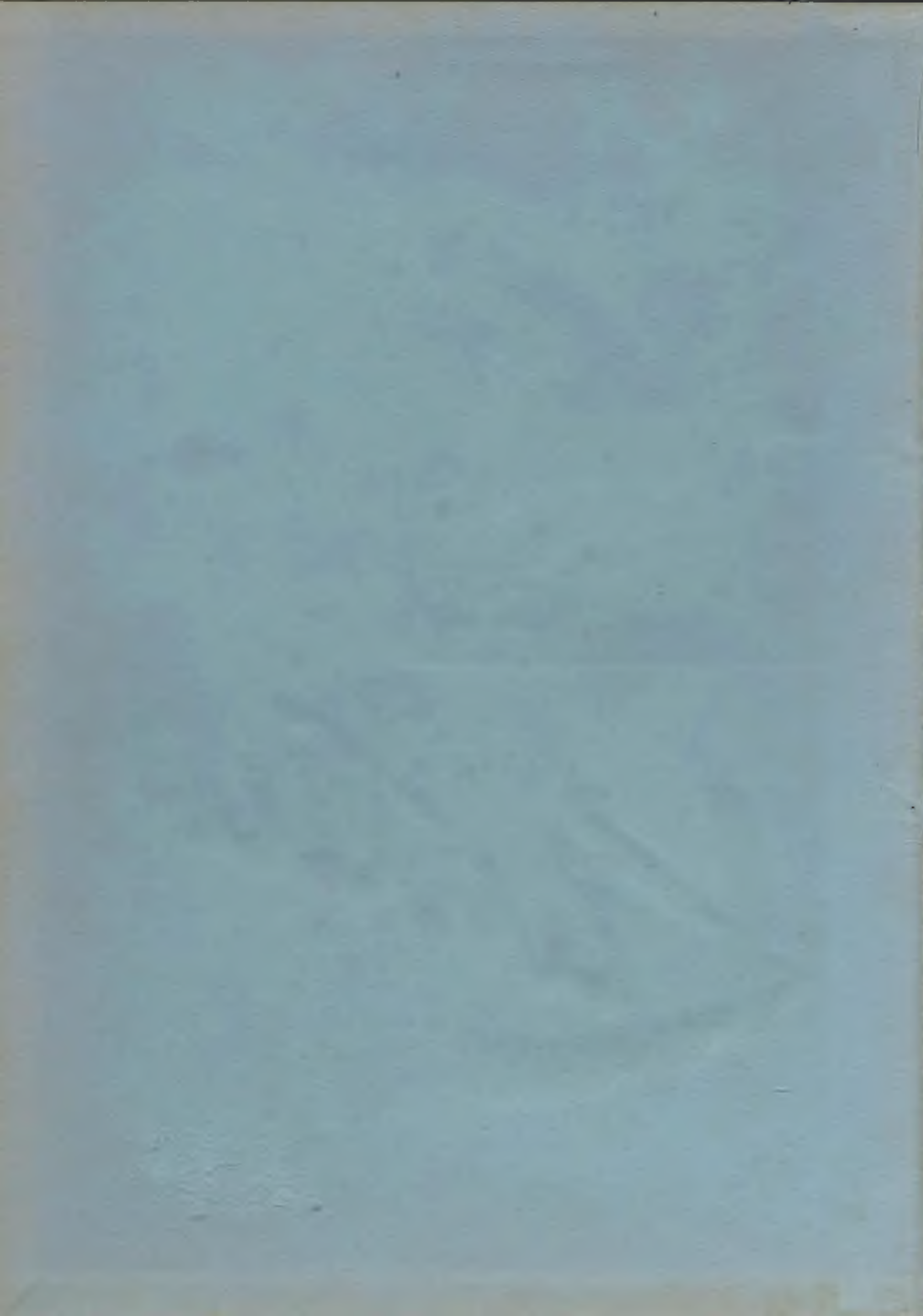
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KANTY EAGLES from  
1912. This is the 25th  
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the first record of 1925.**



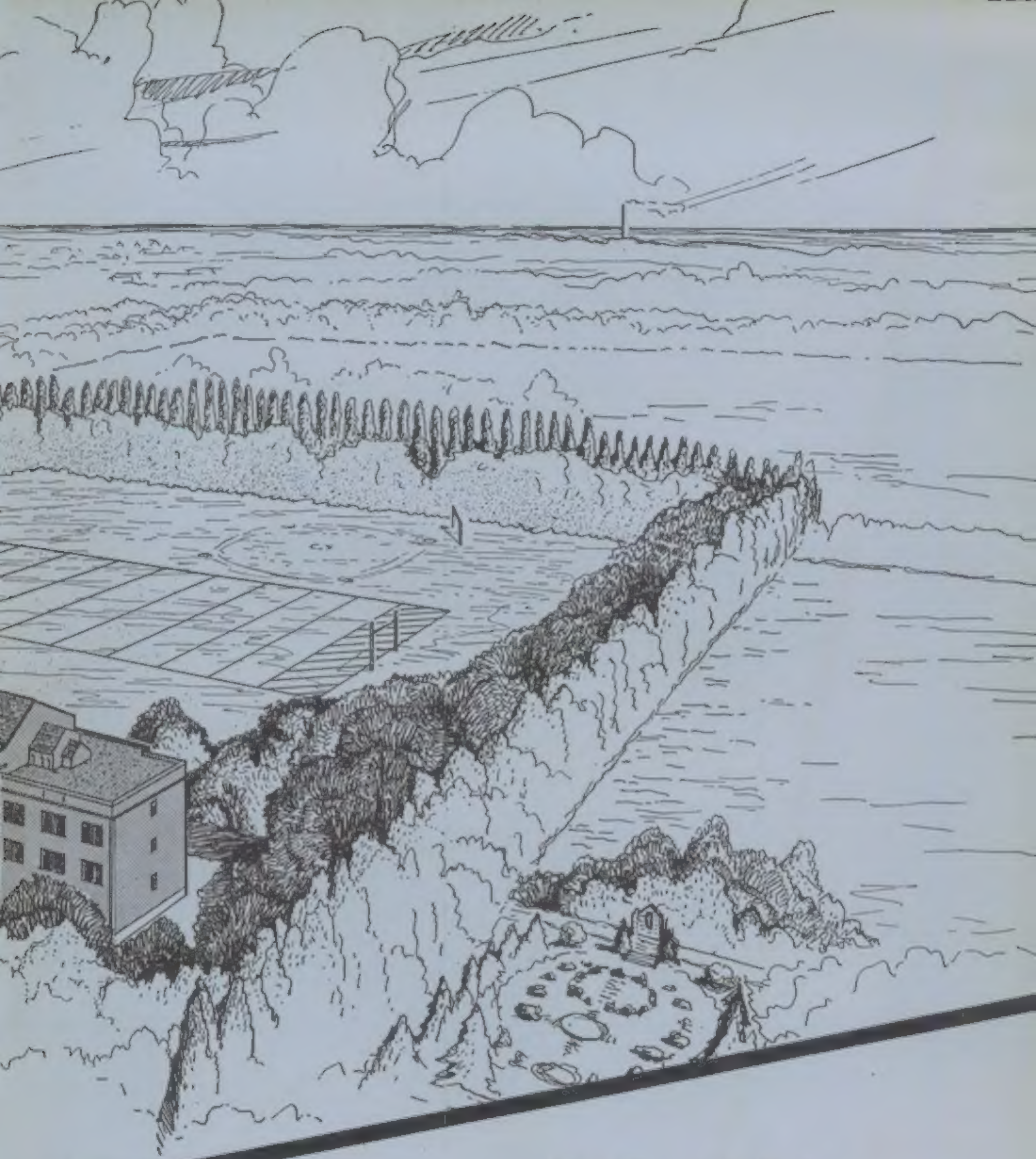


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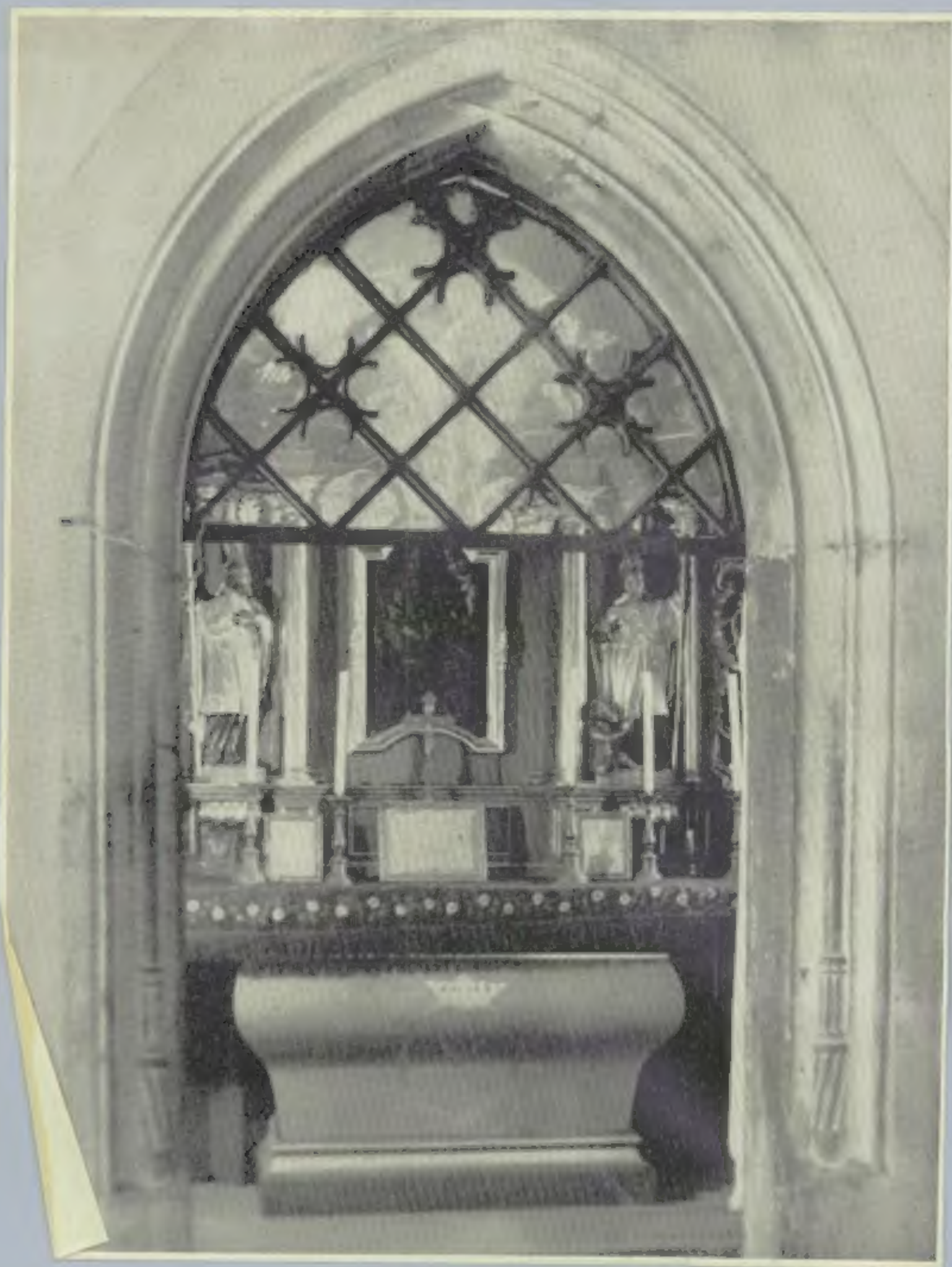




*Polychrome Wood Carving of Saint John Kanty*

Saint's sleeping quarters, Faculty Building,  
Cracow University, Poland





*Saint John Kanty's Private Chapel and Altar*

Across from the Saint's sleeping quarters,  
University Faculty Building





*Sarcophagus of Saint John Kenty*

Saint Ann's Church



## *In Dedication*



*Moved by our hearts this deed to do:  
We dedicate this yearbook to  
One who has kept our course on true,  
Advised us what we ought to do;  
As he loves us, we love him, too.*

*Reverend John L. Janowski, C.M.*





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*Principal*

# ATTORNEY FRANCIS T. NAGORSKI

Attorney Francis T. Nagorski has passed from this world.

Closely connected with Kanty throughout her forty years of existence, Attorney Nagorski was perhaps, the dearest and most loyal friend the school ever had.

When, in 1909, the Saint John Kanty College Association was formed to establish a Polish institution in Erie, he drew up the act of incorporation and served as a member of the original Board of Trustees. From that time on, his interest in the venture grew and he saw the dream in the minds of a few fervent pioneers transformed into an actuality—Kanty. He also acted as the legal adviser of the institution from the time of its incorporation to the end of his life. His non-mercenary nature forbade him to accept any remuneration for his valuable services.

Born September 18, 1879 in Wiszyn, Poland, Francis T. Nagorski, at the age of

nine arrived in the United States with his parents. The Nagorski family settled in Erie, Pennsylvania, where young Francis attended St. Stanislaus School. His father's death called him from high school at Orchard Lake, Michigan, and he was forced to complete his secondary education at Central High School in Erie. In 1904, Mr. Nagorski graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, and set up his practice of law in Erie.

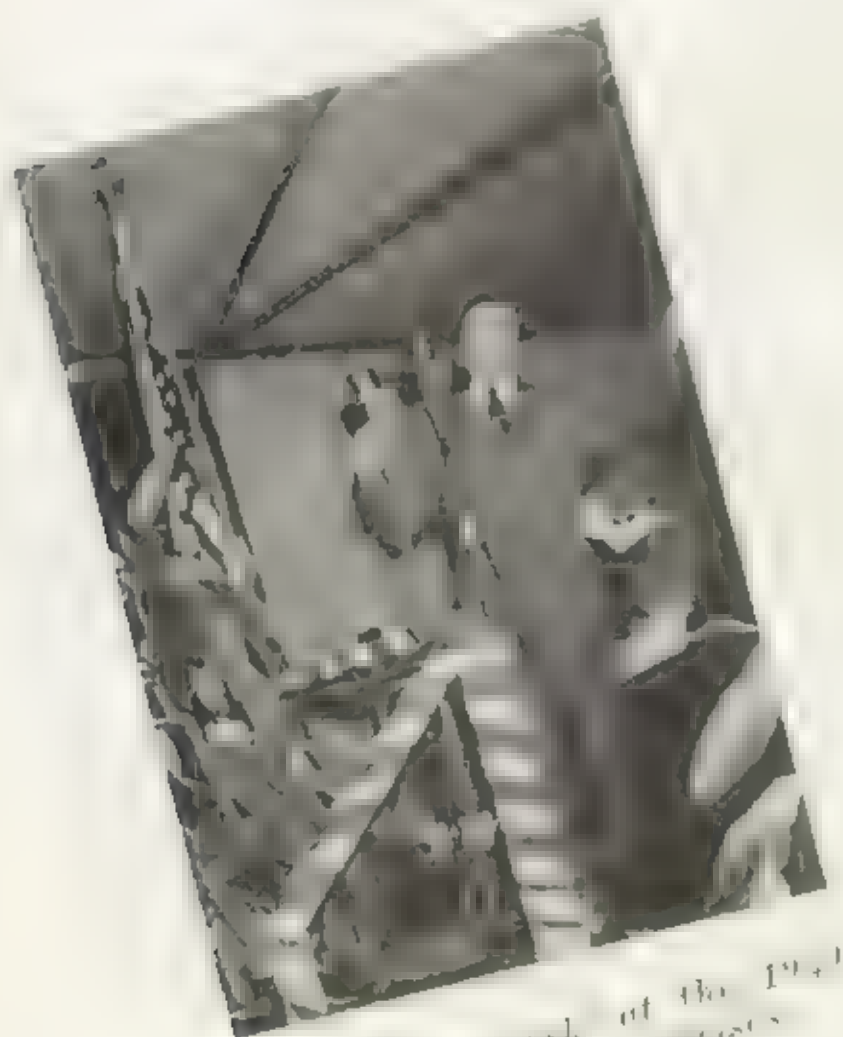
His knowledge of Polish history and customs was profound, and, indeed, he was regarded as the foremost authority on Poland in Erie and the surrounding area.

A great deal of Mr. Nagorski's time was dedicated to the service of the city of Erie. He was elected to the city council for a two-year term in 1918 and served as vice mayor and finance director. The attorney acted as director of the Community Chest for two years, and was, for eighteen years, a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Erie. The last honor accorded him was his election to the vice-presidency of the Erie Bar Association.

The attorney's eventful sixty-nine years of life came to a close at his home on July 30, 1949. He had been in poor health for a year previous to this death.

It will be remembered that Attorney Nagorski was one of the main speakers at the graduation ceremonies of 1949. In his address, he recalled the difficulties that had harassed Kanty in her early years and how she overcame those trials. As his closing words, the attorney, the last remaining member of the original Board of Trustees, urged Kanty to continue in the ideals and principles which have made her such a great institution.

In your memory, Attorney Nagorski, Kanty, the school you so dearly loved, will always continue to grow and advance in these beliefs.



Attorney Nagorski at the 1949  
Commencement Exercises





ATTORNEY FRANCIS T. NAGORSKI



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ST. JOHN KANTY PREP  
Erie, Pennsylvania

May 1, 1950

My Dear Kantian,

The year 1950 is a Holy Year, the middle of the century, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first Kantian. It is more than fitting that your theme be both holy and commemorating the most outstanding class of issues, therefore the theme, SAINT JOHN KANTY EAGLES. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the first Kantian is noted by the class colors of silver on a blue field so ably depicted on the cover.

A few innovations are introduced in this semi-centennial annual. The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes are figuratively nestlings, fledglings, eaglets, and eagles. Spread-eagled over the senior biographies are philosophies of life, written out in long-hand by each individual, true character portraits, and better than candid pictures or autographs.

As a fitting tribute, special mention is made of the passing of the last of the founders of the Alma Mater, Attorney Francis T. Nagorski.

Kanty is more than just a school of classrooms and school benches. It is also the seat of the Annual Saint John Kanty Aid Society Festival and the Polish Lay Ceremonies. This also you have recorded together with the history of the mid-century class.

Dear Kantian, go out into the world, honoring the Patron Saint and the Kanty athletes, and may you become a big brother to the centennial Kantian of the Year 2000.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*Edward P. Gicewicz, C.M.*  
Very Rev. Edward P. Gicewicz, C.M.  
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# Senior Trip to Washington

"Did you want to visit Washington during the Easter holidays?"

We certainly did, and so it happened that sixteen Seniors, all anxious to see the historical shrines in our national capital, seated themselves comfortably in the three automobiles driven by faculty members and anxiously awaited the start of the four hundred mile journey from Kanty to Washington.

From the time of departure, two o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, March 31st, our drivers—Reverend Casimir Szymanski and Professors Edwin Dombrowski and Florian Yezerski—kept a

pace broken only by stops for fuel and snacks until we entered Washington just as the dawn of Saturday morning was beginning to break.

This year's excursion (the senior trip to Washington is a tradition at Kanty) was slightly less formal than those of previous years in that the Seniors were allowed to do what they wanted after visiting the points of interest on the agenda together with the members of the faculty.

Accordingly, we broke up into several groups, each Senior desirous of seeing the place that interested him the most before visiting any other.

The most popular attraction proved to be the Washington Monument, and some Seniors, entranced by its simple beauty, paid three or four visits to the memorial.

The Capitol and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, Virginia, also impressed us a great deal. Among the numerous other places visited were the Smithsonian Institution, Franciscan Monastery, famous for its replica of the ancient Roman catacombs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the Department of Justice Building, the Lincoln Memorial and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

On Monday afternoon, the three-car caravan broke up, with five Seniors returning to Kanty via Dillonvale, Ohio, with Reverend Szymanski.

With Coach Yezerski arriving at Kanty Wednesday morning and Professor Dombrowski coming in Friday morning with four Seniors, after a one day stay in New York City, our Washington trip was at an end.





*Saint Florian's Church*

Patron Saint's pastorate before his professorship  
at the University



*Reliquary with Head of Saint John Kanty*

Saint Ann's Church, Cracow





## *The Silver Anniversary of the Kantian*

The year 1950 celebrates the silver anniversary of the publication of the first Kantv yearbook. Just twenty-five years ago, the senior class of 1925 produced the school's first annual under the title of the "Kantian". This momentous undertaking was received with words of high praise and thus began a tradition which has been continued to the present time and will surely extend far into the years to come.

Let us then turn back the pages of history to the year 1925. Kantv at this time had reached the position of a highly regarded High School and Junior College, with every indication of making further advances in the future. The proposal that Kantv should publish a yearbook, for the first time, was advanced and this decision received the approval of the faculty under the supervision of the late Very Rev. Stanislaus Konieczny, C.M., rector of the institution.

Francis N. Rens, '25, was chosen student editor of this first yearbook and he, under the supervision of Professor Casimir Glowacki, then a teacher of English at Kantv, produced one of the most unique editions in the entire line of Kantians. The publication was characterized by wonderful poems composed by the editor. Every graduate's biography was in poetical form, a style which has not been imitated in the Kantian's history.

The Kantv March, with lyrics written by Editor Rens and the music composed by the Rev. Joseph Orszulik, C.M., was a feature of the first volume and also celebrates its twenty-five years of existence in 1950.

In the following year, the staff wrote in prose. The '26 Kantian was well illustrated and gave an excellent account of the class history.

The yearbook of 1927 presented a larger and much more cumulative volume than the Kantians of preceding years. Editor Augustine Leja and Business Manager Stanislaus Symula expressed the conviction in the foreword to the yearbook that in future years, the Kantian would continue to advance in size and scope. We now see how well this prediction has been fulfilled.

The '28 Kantian, bound in simulated leather cover, includes the comic "Collegiate's Last Will and Testament", which parodies formal contracts by its bequeathments of nonsensical possessions to the underclassmen.

In the Kantian of 1929, under the able editorship of Henry Kulesza, such articles as the "Chronicler's Diary" and "Class Will" provoked much merriment.

Hilary Chmielinski, as editor-in-chief, commanded the destinies of the Kantian of 1930. His mastery of English and the cooperation given him by his subordinates, assistant editor Casimir Plocharczyk and business manager Joseph Dziolczyk, combined to publish a fanciful yearbook.

Many yearbooks have been based on certain plans or themes, which enabled the staff to develop the articles to produce one total effect. A good example of theme development may be found in the '31 Kantian, an edition whose art work uses feudalism as its base. Here suitable drawings of medieval scenes introduce the written matter in a very unique manner.

Many illustrations by Joseph Gregorowicz added a dash of distinction to the annual of 1932. Anthony Suchocki was chosen editor and Joseph Stemplowski assumed the position of assistant editor.

The Kantian of 1934, edited by Vincent Mozdzierz, contains a spirited poem concerning the graduates. Casimir Jankel's humorous drawings enhance the appearance of this, the tenth volume of the Kantian.

In the yearbook of 1936, editor Edmund Sermak and his staff presented a hilarious two-page section of "Humor." It consisted of a series of witticisms attributed to the seniors.

The brother of the '36 Kantian's editor held the same high post in the following year's pub-







### *Nestlings Class of '53*

*First row, left to right: David Schiek, Jerome Kubimec, Anthony Cholewiak, Joseph Molzelewski, Edward Olewnik, John Wanat, Matthew Krauza, John Rak. Second row, left to right: Sigismund Jarosz, Joseph Lukasik, Robert Lucarz, Joseph Rybak, John Gawrylik, Manuel Mendez, Bernard Prasolowicz, Boleslaus Humanny. Third row, left to right: Robert Ciok, Arthur Oleszkowski, Stephen Toezykowski, Robert Zachinski, Paul Kanieh, Walter Dawid, Frederick Bichaylo, Stephen Bush, George Baran. Fourth row, left to right: Harry Bell, Edward Hawthorne, Ronald Polny, Leonard Swiatkowski, George Niemec, Henry Zamorski.*

If you could but turn back the pages of the calendar just ten short months, you would recognize yourselves in those bewildered, frightened figures that stood, seemingly alone in the world, before the open doors of Kanty.

Since that time, however, you have been affected by a striking and singular transformation.

Returning to the present, we can see that you no longer represent that lonely and bewildered figure. It is evident that you have cured that most common ailment of Freshmen, homesickness, by imbibing most freely of that wonderful tonic, a combination of work and play.

From the period of your initiation into Kanty life to the present time, you have learned many things—a spirit of co-operation, the importance of application in studies, self-reliance and the important part that non-scholastic activities play in your lives at Kanty.

With this knowledge in view, strive to go always onward, never regarding your past mistakes but acting in the present and thinking in the future.





#### MINSTREL SHOW CAST

*Sitting left to right: John Goral, Harry Dombrowski, David Schick, Francis Mazanowski, Joseph Tizewski, John Gorecki, Donald Skiba, Richard Kuczwaj, Manuel Mendez, Edward Serwon, John Koltunak, John Sendrowski.*

### *Dramatic Society*

With the commencement of the school year in September Rev. Edward Gicewicz announced that dramatics would again be resumed at Kanty.

There were three plays directed this year, namely "Old Fashioned Minstrel Show," "Jaselka" and "Dress Reversal." The students belonging to this dramatic society and being under the excellent tutorship of Rev. Edward Gicewicz sacrificed many hours to make these performances successful. It is no understatement to say that their goal has been reached.

The first of these presentations, "Old Fashioned Minstrel Show", was presented on October 19, the eve of Saint John of Kent, the patron saint of Kanty Prep. This play was a humorous feature which everyone enjoyed. The acting was carried out exceptionally well and many a student displayed his dramatic abilities to the delight of the audience.

The second performance was presented on the day of the departure for the Christmas holidays. The play entitled "Jaselka" met great favor

#### CHRISTMAS PLAY CAST

*Left to right: Raymond Katas, Eugene Hazewski, John Sendrowski, Ed. Dodolak, Jerome Kubaniec, Ron Polyn (Santa Claus), Manuel Mendez, Stanley Skowronek, Edward Serwon, Francis Mazanowski, John Koltunak, Matthew Krauza, David Schick, Father Gicewicz (Coach), Eugene Nowosiwiat, Myron Noyszewski, John Gorecki, Joseph Lukasik, Harry Dombrowski (Satan), and Joseph Modzelewski.*







#### NATIVITY SCENE

*Left to right: Stanley Skowronek, Myron Noyszewski, Manuel Mendez, Edward Serwon, Francis Mazanowski, Matthew Krauza, John Koltuniak, David Schick and Eugene Nowoswiat.*

with the Nativity scene, a play about the birth of Christ.

The final presentation of the year entitled "Dress Reversal" proved to be an exciting and humorous performance. Composed of an all-Junior cast, the play, under the supervision of Professor Edwin Dombrowski, dealt with a rehearsal for a high school play and its hilarious situations caused many hearty laughs from the audience.

With dramatics on the upgrade again, Kanty can look forward to another extra-curricular activity in which to excel.

#### KING HEROD BEHEADED

*First row, left to right: Jerome Kubimec, John Gorecki, Harry Dombrowski. Second row, left to right: Manuel Mendez, Myron Noyszewski and Hazewski.*







### *Eaglets Class of '51*

*First row, left to right: John Goral, John Gaj, Thomas Kubacki, Anthony Przewicki, Alfred Permak, John Sendrowski, Thomas Salamon, Peter Franckowiak, Edwin Mazuraj, Stanley Filowicz.*



Another successful year has elapsed and soon you will enter your final year at Kanty. In the rapid passage of time since the moment that you became Kantyites, you have learned not to look upon the school as merely a preparational institution for the forthcoming life, but also as a second mother and a second home.

Looking back, it seems hardly possible, does it not, that three years could have gone by with such swiftness. But time always passes quickly for those who have something to do, your scholastic sports and other extra-curricular activities have made your stay at Kanty something of which you can well be proud.

Continue in striving to better yourselves, for remember this:

YOU, the Juniors of today, are the Seniors of tomorrow.





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# ATHLETICS

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#### KAA OFFICERS

Sitting: Raymond Karas, President, Nathan J. Karas, Secretary, Douglas J. Karas, Treasurer, Alfred Gregorek.

## Football

The Kanty Eagle soared high and wide over their gridiron opponents during the 1949 season, enjoying one of the finest campaigns in the school's football history.

A new idea in the sports system at Kanty, a football training camp starting one week before the school year began, deserves a great deal of credit for whipping the Prepsters into shape.

Head coach "Sam" Yezerski tutored the backfield in all the finer points in the sport, while Reverend John Kuczynski developed a hard-charging forward wall. The coach handled his charges with a firm hand, and the Eagles' splendid record.

Grueling weeks of practice, expert supervision by the two coaches, the determination of every man on the team to do his best, plus that ever-present Kanty

power to win, took the Eagles to a record of 10 wins and a single game lost.

In the first game of the season, the Eagles scored a thrilling 18-13 triumph over the Green St. Mike's. The victory was sealed by Stan Liszka's last minute interception of a St. Mike's pass and his sixty-three yard runback for the game-winning touchdown.

The old Kanty nemesis, St. Bernard's of Bradford, was the next to feel the wrath of Kanty's 1949 Eagles. With Liszka driving the touchdowns on exceptionally long runs, the Maroon and White handed the Bernies a 38-13 shellacking.

The Eagles tasted defeat for the first time at the hands of the Corry High School Beavers.

The week ending of the back-to-back victories and a tight contest with Corry's Beavers, a few days in a Pennsylvania grid circles.

However, the next game proved to be an entirely different story, as the Eagles' 1949 team, led by Stan Liszka, accounted for five of Kanty's seven touchdowns.

The closing game of the season pitted the Eagles against the highly regarded St. Francis of Allentown. A two-touchdown underdog, the Eagles soared to a 21-10 victory over the St. Francis' squad. Liszka's ninety-three yard scoring run and Arthur Prizack's 35 yard touchdown pass to Liszka were the highlights they never relinquished.

The Kanty football team was honored further when two of its senior masters, the back-to-back touchdowns of Stan Liszka, were chosen to

represent Kanty for the West squad in the annual East-West charity football game, sponsored by the Lion's Club of Erie.

With the football season brought to a close, the Eagles settled down to roost until basketball made its appearance on the Kanty sports scene.

Oct. 1	Kanty	18	13	St. Michael's of Greenville	Home
Oct. 15	Kanty	38	13	St. Bernards of Bradford	Home
Oct. 21	Kanty	13	51	Corry High School	Away
Nov. 1	Kanty	52	0	Girard Mission House	Away
Nov. 13	Kanty	21	19	St. Francis of Athol Springs	Away

#### KANTY RECORD—1925-1940

Season	W	L	Tie	Season	W	L	Tie
1925-26	1	1		1927-28	2	2	
1926-27	2	0		1928-29	4	2	

#### 1929-1941 FOOTBALL DISCONTINUED

Season	W	L	Tie	Season	W	L	Tie
1941-42*							
1942-43	1	4		1946-47	0	4	
1943-44	3	3	1	1947-48	1	4	1
1944-45	4	3	1	1948-49	2	2	1
1945-46	4	2		1949-50	4	1	

\* Records unavailable

#### 1949 FOOTBALL TEAM

*First row, left to right:* Thomas Kubnecki, Richard Poczciwinski, Anthony Topolski, Stanley  
ski, Joseph Jarosz, John Leistschitzky. *Second row, left to right:* Michael Uliaszek, George Niemiec,  
John Rak, Coach Florian "Sam" Yezerski. *Third row, left to right:* Stanley Laszka, Leonard  
vicki, Daniel Sermak, Leonard Swiatkowski





*Reading top down left side: Coach "Sam" Yezerki, Daniel Sermak, Stanley Stanley Laszka, Richard Porzeiwinski, Joseph Musny. Top down upper cross bar: Thomas Kubaeki, John Leischitzky, Bernard Thorson, Raymond Dziejma, Francis Gajderowicz, Victor Sokolowski. Top down lower cross bar: Edward Szymraj, Thomas Salamon, Stanley Albro and Joseph Kij*

## Varsity Basketball

BOMBERS, Kanty Prep's Varsity basketball Eagles, with five lettermen returning, looked to the 1949-1950 cage season with high hopes, which were fulfilled with the completion of a very successful campaign.

Starting out like a whirlwind, the Eagles captured their first five outings, including two thrill-packed victories over East High School, champions of Erie City and District I.

Kanty then journeyed to Rochester only to lose a 44-29 decision to St. Thomas Institute, thus absorbing the first defeat of the season.

The Prepsters snapped back from the loss by winning the next five contests from highly rated opponents. A 51-44 trouncing of St. Mary's of Dunkirk in overtime highlighted this skein of Eagle triumphs.

A surprise loss to Conneautville proved to be the most controversial game all season.

In a nip-and-tuck affair, Kanty fell heir to a narrow 31-30 verdict.

The Eagles' 50-22 victory over Girard Mission House almost saw the Raymond "Tinv" Solowski fell short of the all-time record of thirty-five points by just one tally.

In the contest widely hailed as the "game of the year," the Kanty basketeers staged a thrilling comeback before succumbing to St. Francis of Athol Springs, 30-29.

a record of thirteen victories and three defeats.

As an aftermath to the scheduled season, the Eagles received an invitation to participate in the Erie Diocesan Class B. Tournament, diocesan basketball circles.

The Eagles, defending champions of the diocese, had rather an easy

time drubbing St. Leo's of Ridgeway, 50-17, in the first round of competition.

However, in the tournament's second phase, Kanty lost the thriller, a heart-breaking, nerve-wracking contest to Saint Mary's Central by a narrow 2 score. Consolation was gained by the knowledge that St. Mary's Central captured the championship of the diocese in the final game of the tournament.

In the consolation game of the tourney, the Eagles, displaying all their basketball know-how, soundly drubbed St. Bernard's of Bradford, 42

Kanty received two trophies for participation in the tournament. The Consolation Trophy was awarded the team for their victory over St. Bernard's, while the Eagles' snappy uniforms and warmups won them the trophy for the best-dressed team in the tournament.

Kanty received the additional honor of having one of its players, Stanislaus Albro, named on the All-diocesan team, while Stanislaus Liszka was awarded a berth on the diocesan second team.

May the Eagles fly high again in 1951.

Kanty	37	21	Wesleyville High School, Wesleyville
Kanty	45	27	Wesleyville High School, Kanty
Kanty	34	32	Erie East High School, Gannon Audi
Kanty	47	22	St. Joseph's of Titusville, Kanty
"	"	21	Erie East High School, East
		14	St. Thomas Aquinas Institute, Rochester
		21	Girard High School, Girard
y	58	18	St. Joseph's of Titusville, Titusville
Kanty	34	30	St. Joseph's of Oil City, Kanty
Kanty	51	44	St. Mary's of Dunkirk, Dunkirk

#### OUR BASKETBALL

Left to right: Stanley Filewicz, Stanley Albro,owski with Coach Florian "Sam" Yezerski





#### JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right: John Rak, Paul Kusich, Joseph Jarosz, Harry Bell, Louis Bytkowski, Donald kowski, John Wannat, Michael Ulaszek

### Junior Varsity Basketball

The Junior Varsity basketball team, coached by Coach [Name], has a record of [wins] wins and [losses] losses. The team has played [total games] games. The team's record is as follows:

The record, however, does not tell the whole story of the Junior Varsity season. The team has played [total games] games. The team's record is as follows:

Thus, the Junior Varsity games, staged as the preliminary contests to the varsity tilts,

Kanty	50	46	Conneautville High School, Kanty
Kanty	49	37	St. Joseph's of Oil City, Oil City
Kanty	30	31	Conneautville High School, Conneautville
Kanty	61	30	St. Mary's of Dunkirk, Kanty
Kanty	59	22	Girard Mission House, Girard
Kanty	29	39	St. Francis of Athol Springs, Lackawanna
TOURNAMENT			
Kanty	50	17	St. Leo's of Ridgway, Gannon Audi
Kanty			St. Mary's Central, Gannon Audi
Kanty			St. Bernard's of Bradford, Gannon Audi



# **VARSITY BASKETBALL 1926-50**

Season	W	L	Season	W	L	Season	W	L
1926-27	6	4	1934-35*			1942-43	1	11
1927-28	17	4	1935-36	3	3	1943-44	2	4
1928-29	14	4	1936-37	6	2	1944-45	2	5
1929-30	9	6	1937-38	4	2	1945-46	8	5
1930-31	11	5	1938-39	6	2	1946-47	6	2
1931-32	10	5	1939-40	11	6	1947-48	5	2
1932-33	6	7	1940-41	13	10	1948-49	15	7
1933-34*			1941-42	8	8	1949-50	15	4

\* Records unavailable

## **Varsity Tennis**

Another sport that has enjoyed a generous amount of success at Kanty in recent years is tennis.

There are many reasons why Kanty turns out, year after year, tennis players who compete with, and often defeat, the best scholastic racqueteers in Erie.

Not the least of these reasons is the presence of two all-weather macademized tennis courts on the campus. This, plus expert supervision by the tennis coach, Reverend Sigismund Gosk, plays an important role in developing players of the high caliber found at Kanty.

These factors, together with the tennis Eagles' spirit and will to emerge victorious, make tennis one of the primary sports in the school's athletic program.

With several lettermen returning to the nets this year, the 1950 tennis season shows high promise of becoming the best in Kanty's history.

## **VARSITY TENNIS TEAM**

Left to right: Stanley Albio, Eugene Hazewski, Francis Snyderowicz, Raymond Dziejma, Henry Jakuc, Richard Gondek





#### KANTY BASEBALL TEAM

*First row, left to right:* Stanley Albro, Anthony Cholewiak, Richard Poczewinski, Stanley Skowronek, Richard Weislo. *Second row, left to right:* James Frankowski, Stanley Wlaziński, Lucian Pienkowski, Leonard Swistkowski, Joseph Jarosz. *Third row, left to right:* Donald Sulewski, Stanley Filiewicz, Ronald Butkiewicz, Victor Sokolowski, Edwin Mazgaj, Edward Janik, Stanley Luszka, Edward Dodolak, and Coach Florian "Sam" Yezerski.

### *Varsity Baseball*

In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—baseball.

Here at Kanty, the advent of spring means more than just a casual consideration of America's favorite sport, for baseball at Kanty is perhaps the school's favorite activity.

Year after year, Kanty continues to produce diamond teams highly respected by Erie and county nines.

The fact that Kanty always puts out a good baseball club is due in part to the coaches, in part to the players' latent abilities, but, above all, it is the team's undying school spirit and determination to win that produce the baseball team's enviable record.

Hopes are high that the baseball team of 1950 will live up to the standard of Kanty nines of the past.

Go to it, Eagles.

VARSDTY BASEBALL 1921-1950

Season	W	L	Season	W	L
1921-22	. 8	2	1935-36*		
1922-23	9	2	1936-37*		
1923-24	. 2	1	1937-38*		
1924-25	2	0	1938-39*		
1925-26	. 4	1	1939-40	. 0	2
1926-27	5	3	1940-41	9	1
1927-28	11	. 3	1941-42	3	. 1
1928-29	9	1	1942-43*		
1929-30	. 7	3	1943-44*		
1930-31	. 2	. 0	1944-45	5	3
1931-32	4	0	1945-46	. 3	1
1932-33*			1946-47	4	
1933-34*		.	1947-48	. 6	2
1934-35*			1948-49	4	2

\* Records unavailable

*Finis Disputationum super Physicorum in crastino S. Petri ad vincula per Joannem Kanty*

*Autograph of Saint John Kanty Circa 1439*

*"Finis Disputationum super Physicorum in crastino S. Petri ad vincula,  
per Joannem Kanty"*







*Administration Building, Cracow University*

Patron Saint's quarters and chapel on both sides  
of Main Entrance



*Cracow University Students' Church*  
Repository of Saint John Kanty's remains



## *Class Prophecy*

It is the evening of June 3, the day before we twenty-one members of the class of '50 are to graduate from Kantv. Wishing to feel refreshed for tomorrow's ceremonies, we go to bed early and, instead of engaging in our usual nocturnal conversations, soon fall into a deep slumber.

After awakening on the morn of our graduation day, we discover that each of us have been visited by the same dream. In as far as the vision concerns the future activities of the class of '50, it is only fitting that we should mention the strange predictions that stand revealed to us:

The class of '50 is holding its fifth reunion. The members of the semi-centurial graduating class, long having awaited this joyous occasion, gather into small groups and discuss various topics, primary among which are recollections of Kantv days.

A thousand pardons! We neglected to make known that the setting of this gala affair is Buffalo's largest and most luxurious night club, "Heaven on Earth," owned by Harry Dombrowski and Rich Gondek. We remember when these two enterprising gentlemen, now at the very top of the entertainment world, planned their first night spot while still students at Kantv.

Leaving this duo to the supervision of festivities, we come across Stan Liszka, the basketball coach and athletic director of Canisius College. We talk to "Sonny" about his undefeated basketball team, which is widely regarded as the





finest quintet in the nation and the favorite to take the National Invitational Tournament

Later, we are joined in our conversation by Bernard Thorsen, who after a rapid rise to fame as high scoring forward for the New York Knickerbockers, suddenly forsook the game to become manager of Radio City Music Hall.

We stop our discussion to appreciate those melodious strains which fill the large dining hall. Walking to the bandstand, we discover that Joe Kij, leader of one of America's favorite orchestras, livening up matters for his classmates with his wailing trombone.

Coming across the floor towards us are Doctors Gore and Nowakowski, who have remained inseparable after leaving Kanty and who have acquired world renown for their cure for cancer. They tell us that Professor Raymand Karas, head of the newly-created Department of Education, will arrive after a brief meeting with the Buffalo department of the organization.

Also present at the get-together is Dr. Christopher Kaleta, chief of staff at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Chris beckons the founders of the Topolski & Starkey law firm of New York. These two, however, are engrossed in arguing over their latest case, which has attracted nation-wide attention.

Conversing at the far end of the foyer are Father Eugene Hazewski and Professor Raymond Solowski. Father Hazewski is now president of Seton Hall College while "Tiny", his fellow New Jerseyite, teaches English at St. Peter's College.

We then start toward Edward Janik, who has achieved fame as the engineer of the bridge

spanning the Strait of Gibraltar. A waiter, however, informs us that the banquet has already begun.

Having to our eyes, we find that the master of ceremonies is none other than Robert Lukav, Mayor of Philadelphia. Lukav, who is a native-born, and proud one at that, has been elected to the office of Mayor of the City of New York.

Dr. Henry Gore, who is now the head of the State University of New York, has been elected to the position of President of the United States.

Finally we reach the table presiding over the good feasting that pervades the gathering as three distinguished looking men seated at the middle of the magnificently decorated banquet table. We recognize in them the contribution of the Class of Fifty to the financial world—Frank Gajderowisz, Donald Sulecki and Stan Wlazalek. They have assumed control over the Philadelphia Stock and Bonds Corporations, whose value is estimated to be in the billions of dollars.

Our hearts tingle when Edward Dodolak, alphabetically the first of the Fifties, announces that a check for one hundred thousand dollars, donated by the Class of '50, has been sent to Kanty. "Dody", whose business abilities have enabled him to start a state-wide chain of stores, has been chosen treasurer of this class reunion.

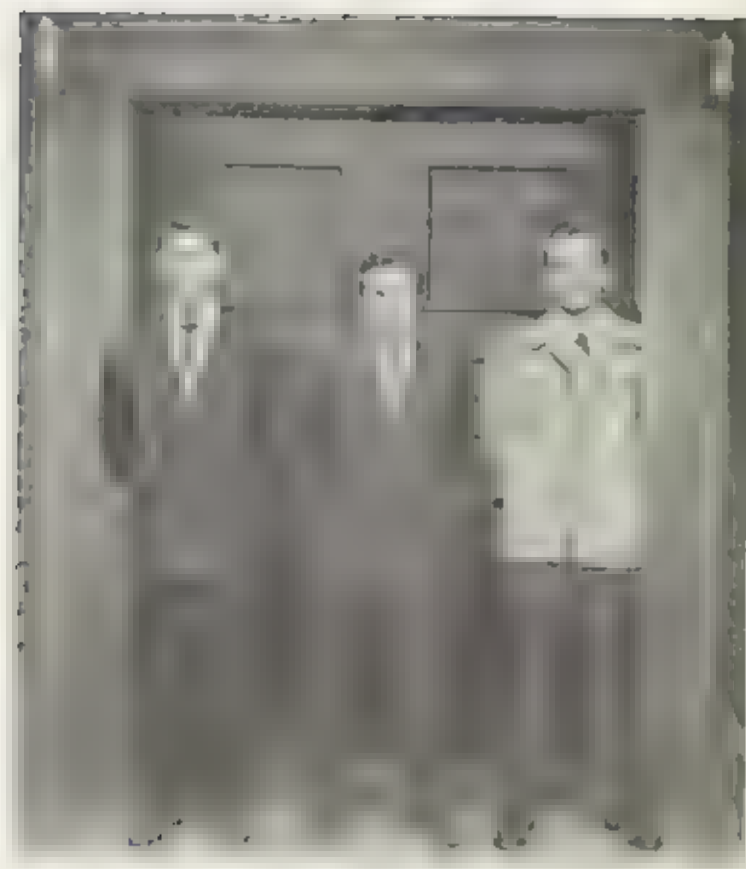
With this external manifestation of our loyalty to Kanty completed, the master of ceremonies leads our class in singing the Kanty March. After warm farewells, we leave the "Heaven on Earth" and each returns to his particular activity, though no doubt in a somewhat nostalgic mood.

Well, that is the dream. How about that?



### *Donors and Awards, 1949*

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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Stanley Liszka, Secretary, Joseph Kij, President, and Edward Dodolak, Vice-President.

# Eagles. of 1950 Class



## EDWARD S. DODOLAK

Alphabetically, and in many other respects, the first in the class of Fifty, "Dody", with his well-earned popularity, achieved fame by his brilliant mind and consistency of action. Always the highest on the Honor Roll, he found languages especially interesting and mastered them without noticeable difficulty. His zest for rivalry and sportsmanship earned him popularity rivalled by few. Just follow your philosophy, "There is a time and place for everything." Dody, if you could not possibly avoid success!

Class Activities: 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Intramurals: 1, 2, 3, 4; Baske- 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, B.V.M. Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 1, 2, 3, 4; A.A. Manager; Kantian Assistant Editor.



## HAROLD F. DOMBROWSKI

"Zgink" enjoyed a hectic, altruistic and thoroughly ~~successful~~ three-year career at Kanty. Although known to be full of humor and sport, he also had his serious moments, during which he well applied himself to any undertaking with highly satisfactory results. "Zgink's" strong point was public speaking, the mastery of which he showed before any audience, whether inside or out of class. His sincerity and thoughtfulness won him a host of admirers who were convinced that "Zgink" would surmount any number of difficulties to attain his chosen goal, the position of a lawyer. We join to say—Farewell—to a loyal classmate and true friend.

**Intramurals:** Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; O.L.F. Sodality Secretary 4; Forensic Society 4; Dramatic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 4; Chess Club 2; Glee Club 2; Kantianus News Editor 4.



## FRANCIS J. GAJDEROWICZ

Introducing the class comedian—"Gajdo", whose witty remarks and practical jokes filled our school days to the utmost with good humor. Many a time, when things were just not going right for us, that his little laugh and merry jest would rouse us from our melancholy. You do not think that "Gajdo's" life merely consisted of comic moments!! He possessed a keen insight into the nature of his fellow students, and often aided them in overcoming their personal problems. In studies, also, he exhibited a logical mind and a great zest for learning. In parting, "Gajdo", we can only say that you will always remain in our hearts.

Class President 2; Varsity: Basketball 3, 4, Tennis 3, 4; Junior Varsity: Basketball 2; Intramurals: Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3.



## RICHARD J. GONDEK

This fine-looking fellow finds his way into the hearts of all. His ever-present smile, truly altruistic nature and quiet and serious manner of doing things well combined to make him a most highly esteemed and respected member of our class. Rich was equally at ease in the classroom, on the athletic field and in the scope of school activities. As a star performer on the tennis court, he would many times vanquish the better racketeers in the area. Now that it is time to say goodbye, 'Rich', your classmates join to wish you the best of everything in the future.

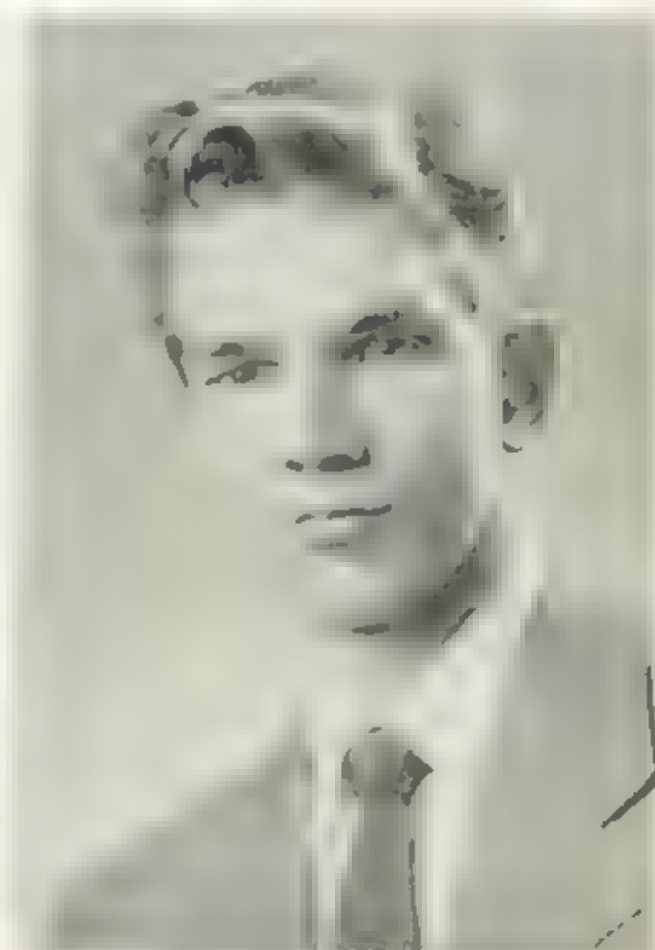
Varsity: Football 2, 3, 4, Baseball 4, Tennis 2, 3, 4; Intramurals: Football 1, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 1, 2, 3; Hobby Lobby 2, 4; Chess Club 2; Choir 2, 4.



## JOHN H. GORECKI

One look at "John's" countenance is enough to convince any one of his amiability, determination and high ideals. A calm and ambitious student, he was noted for his thoroughness with which he fulfilled all his assignments. His open mind has that rare asset—the ability to grasp a new idea and develop it to the utmost. Outside of class, he was well liked and respected by all who came in contact with him. John plans to become a surgeon and we know that with his well-prized talents he will surely make the grade.

Junior Varsity: Basketball 2; Intramurals: Football 2, 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; O.L.F. Sodality 4; Forensic Society 4, Dramatic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 4; Choir 2, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Kantianus Staff 2, 3, 4.





## EDMUND R. GUTOWSKI

Our class businessman was none other than "Goot", whose industriousness and business sense secured for him the post of Kantyne Manager in his junior year. "Goot" also was known as a diligent and tenacious student, whose good study habits earned him a high place in the scholastic standings. He was, above all, a good friend and companion. He will be missed by all who knew him. His graduation is a great loss to the school.

Varsity: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; O.L.F. Sodality 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kantian Assistant Business Manager 4; Kantyne Manager 3, 4; Dramatics 1.



## EUGENE J. HAZEWSKI

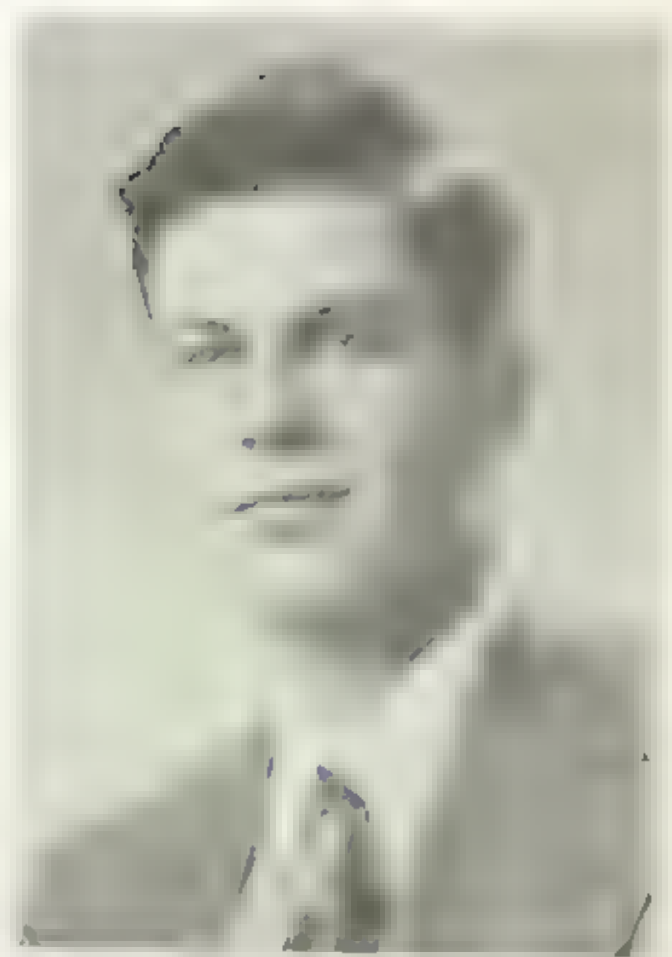
A kind and considerate friend, good student and ardent promoter of school spirit—such was "Hayes", that all-around personality. His interests were many and varied, ranging from dramatics and writing to participation in varsity and intramural sports. Yet despite the fact that all these activities consumed a great deal of his time, seldom was he known to refuse his assistance to anyone requesting it. For these and his other fine traits, "Hayes" will long be remembered with deep respect by the faculty and his own schoolmates. Do Widzenia.

Varsity: Football 4; Tennis 3, 4; Intramurals: Football 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensic Society 4; Dramatic Society 1, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 1, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Infirmary 4; Kantianus Studentaba Editor 4; Kantian Typist.

## EDWARD J. JANIK

Although quiet and a truly scholarly nature, "Edda" has gained a great number of friends during his four years at Kantu. His pranks in the dormitory after "lights out" caused many hours of laughter-filled conversation. Strongly built, he was a mainstay of the football eleven, crashing through enemy lines from his position fullback. He has shown a special aptitude towards the sciences and mathematics and plans a career in the field of engineering. Working with great consistency, "Edda," we feel you will arrive at your destination.

Varsity Basketball 1; Intramurals: Basketball 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Band 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3; Chess Club 1, 2, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



## CHRISTOPHER A. KALETA

"Chris" was that "avis rara"—a quiet student. However, when he was inclined to be humorous, he would leave us rolling with laughter. His tenacity in studies won him the respect and admiration of the faculty and students. Being such a diligent student, he would persevere until he arrived at the solution of any problem that he had begun. In intramural sports, he attained a fame rivaled by few. Planning a career in medicine, "Chris" has the qualifications for success.

Intramurals: Football 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; O.F.L. Sodality 4; M. Society 3; Forensic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 4; Chess Club 2, 3; President 4; Choir 2; Glee Club 2, 4.







## RAYMOND F. KARAS

"Ray" has animated class ventures and group conversations with his quick mind and ready wit. Since entering the Class of Fifty, he entered the Class of Fifty. Not only did he maintain an enviable record in his scholastic, but he also participated in almost every extra-curricular activity. His election to the presidency of both the K. A. A. and the Forensic Society attests to his qualities of leadership and conscientiousness. He gave freely of his store of wisdom to anyone who sought counsel from him. Ray, although other memories of Kanty life may soon vanish, we will remember you always. *Auf Wiedersehen!*

Intramurals: Football 3, Basketball 3, 4, Volleyball 3, 4 Softball 3; Forensic Society President 1; Dramatic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 4; Glee Club 3, 4; K.A.A. President 4; Kantianus Contributor 3, 4; Kantian Business Manager.



## JOSEPH F. KIJ, JR.

"Stick" was the possessor of a marvelous record in all branches of school activity. His sense of authority, his popularity and capability brought him the title of class president in his freshman, junior and senior years. Taking part in almost every extra-curricular activity, he was a leader in the furthering of school spirit. His consideration for others and understanding of the problems of his schoolmates awarded him with their confidence and esteem. We know you will succeed, "Stick."

Class President 1, 3, 4; Intramurals: Football 2, 3, 4, Basketball 2, 3, 4, Volleyball 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; O.L.F. Sodality 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 2, 3, 4; Forensic Society 5; Hobby Lobby 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kantian's Sports Editor 4; K.A.A. Secretary 4; Kantian Editor.

## STANISLAUS S. LISZKA

Joining us in our Junior year, "Sonny" quickly became one of the most popular students on the campus. Lively of wit and displaying an extreme interest in every phase of school life, he is a brilliant example of school spirit. "Sonny", a natural athlete, acted as the spark behind the Eagles' numerous victories on the gridiron, the Hardwood and the diamond. This is a fellow who is new but when we meet again, and as we are sure to do, let us renew that spirit of friendship which has pervaded our lives together at K.

Class Secretary 4; Varsity: Football 3, 4, Basketball 3, 4, Baseball 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 4; Choir 3, 4; Kantian Secretary.



## JOSEPH E. MASNY

Dependability, conscientiousness and a sense of authority are "Mas's" principal traits. A firm exponent of the belief that "Respect is better acquired by demanding than by soliciting it," his sense of leadership promoted him to the position of president monitor in his senior year. Although known to be calm and imperturbable he has reaped a rich harvest of friends during his four years at Kanty. In the field of out-of-class activities he stood out as a brilliant exponent of school spirit. In parting, "Mas", your classmates wish you all of the best in the future.

Intramurals: Football 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.





### LEON I. NOWAKOWSKI, JR.

"If you are determined you shall succeed." What words other than these, his own, could better reveal to us the nature of our friend "Novy"? Setting aside all else, he was a diligent and conscientious student who would work on a difficult problem until he reached its solution. "Novy" exhibited a remarkable propensity toward the natural sciences and he was always willing to share his profound knowledge of these subjects with his classmates. His pleasant attitude toward his schoolmates won him their respect and admiration. "Novy" intends to enter the field of medicine and through his persistence we know, he will succeed.

Intramurals: Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; O.L.F. Sodality 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 4; Chess Club 2, 4; Choir 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.

### ROBERT J. PECKEY

Vim, vigor and vitality—that is "Peck" himself. Although small in stature, his bubbling personality and ever-present drive compensated for his lack of height. As a student, he was well above the average, and in sports, he put all of his dynamic energy into the game. "Peck" also participated in almost every out-of-class activity offered. His practical jokes and witty comments kept us in a continued state of good humor.

"Peck", we wish you good luck in the future.

Intramurals: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Kappa Sigma 1, 2; Forensic Society 4; Hobby Lobby 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Official 2, 3; Kantian Typist 4.





## RAYMOND A. SOLOWSKI

"Good things come in small packages," but good things come in large sizes, as well. *Tim*, the tallest member of our class, has risen *high* in the personal esteem of all of his *peers*, for his love of fun and consistency. Among his other commendable traits were *industriousness* and conscientiousness, which *earned* for him the appointment of locker room manager in his last two years. *Tim* shone at basketball, where he was instrumental in providing many a victory for Kanty by his great play under the backboards. Good luck to you, *Tim*.

*Gift*  
Hobby Lobby 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hamattan 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 4; Chess Club 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Locker Room Manager 3, 4; Kantian Artist.



## RONALD A. STARKEY

Here we have that solid Kantyte, "Dudu" Starkey. A mainstay of the class throughout four years, *he* fairly personified those qualities for which he was *well* known, *consistency* and *industriousness*. Beside this, he stood out as being the sole representative of that "great metropolis", of which *he* was *well* known, *he* the school. His participation in the *activities* of school made him a foremost *ponent* of school spirit. "Dudu", we will see you *reach* the top in your chosen profession, dentistry.

So long.

*Gift*  
Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Kantian Photographer 4; Intramural Football 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.



## DONALD J. SULECKI

"Snoz", ~~to~~ all of us, was always wonderfully considerate and appreciative. Of a pleasant and amiable disposition he also will be remembered as a ~~person~~ ~~with~~ a quiet and serious manner of ~~personality~~ ~~personality~~. With his flair for humor and his ~~personality~~ ~~personality~~, "Snoz" gained a popularity in the ~~class~~ ~~class~~. In ~~class~~ ~~class~~, he was a serious and diligent student. Although an exponent in the belief that work ~~should~~ ~~should~~ play, he found time for ~~extracurricular~~ ~~extracurricular~~. We say Good-bye to a dear friend and classmate.

Varsity: Baseball 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Dramatics 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

## BERNARD W. THORSEN

Bernie perhaps could be best described with the title, Kany's "Mr. Basketball". A lover of the game since he was old enough to hold a basketball, for two seasons he starred on the varsity hoop team. But Bernie was more than that. Calm and confident, he possessed a clear mind and an ability to overcome any obstacle confronting him. Upon your graduation, Bernie, Kany will lose a brilliant personality. Farewell!

Varsity: Basketball 3, 4; Junior Varsity: Basketball 2; Intramurals: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; Choir 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dormitory Monitor 4.

## EUGENE M. TOPOLSKI

Genial Gene "Tops" was quite a figure around the campus. Through his bubbling high humor, a readiness for witticisms and consideration for the rights of others, he proved his way into the hearts of all those with whom he came in contact. "Tops" was no little hand at athletics, either. He earned an end berth on the football team, and was a standout performer in all intramural sports. "Tops" intends to pursue his studies in quest of a degree in teaching, and we, his Classmates, well knowing his attributes and talents, feel sure that he has what it takes to be a success.

Varsity: Football 4; Junior Varsity: Basketball 3; Intramurals: Football 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 4, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby Lobby 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.



## STANISLAUS M. WLAZELEK, JR.

We now come alphabetically to the last, but, as is so often said, not the least of the Class of Fifty. For from it "Stan" took part in almost every out-of-class activity and, as a result, promoted generously the feeling of school spirit in all of the students. A keen lover of music, his well-known abilities on the clarinet won for him in his Senior year the position of student band director, a post which he filled with great capability and earnestness. Showing an active interest in hobbies, he starred brilliantly on the field of variety and intra-class play. "Stan", we know that you will be a success in your chosen field, medicine. Dr. Wlazzenia.

Varsity: Football 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, Junior Varsity: Football 1, Basketball 2, 3, 4, Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Student Director 1; Hobby Lobby 3, 4; Chess Club 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dormitory Monitor 4.







### Glee Club

First row, left to right: Joseph Kij, Edmund Gutowski, Edward Janik, Eugene Nowoswiat, Louis Dytkowski, Stanislaus Filewicz, Stanislaus Liszka, Leon Nowakowski, Jr., Donald Sulecki, Eugene Topolski, Richard Weislo, Stanley Albro, Ronald Butkiewicz, Edmund Gutowski, Francis Mahnowski, Joseph Kij, Jr., Joseph Masny, Robert Peckey, Anthony Przezwicki, Stanislaus Skowronek, Harry Dombrowski.

## Glee Club

### First Tenor

Robert Gondek  
Eugene Hazewski  
Edward Janik  
Leon Jakubowski  
Joseph Jaroz  
Christopher Kaleta  
George Niemiec  
Eugene Nowoswiat  
Stanislaus Wlazelek, Jr.

### Second Tenor

Louis Dytkowski  
Stanislaus Filewicz  
Stanislaus Liszka  
Leon Nowakowski, Jr.  
Donald Sulecki  
Eugene Topolski  
Richard Weislo

### Bass

Stanley Albro  
Ronald Butkiewicz  
Edmund Gutowski  
Francis Mahnowski  
Joseph Kij, Jr.  
Joseph Masny  
Robert Peckey  
Anthony Przezwicki  
Stanislaus Skowronek

The director of the Glee Club, Louis Dytkowski, has been selected to lead the club in its new season. The club has been very active in its practice sessions.

Under the direction of Rev. Father Kij, C.M., the club has been very active in its repertoire a wide variety of religious and popular songs. Its renditions of American and Polish songs have been very well received by the audience.

The Glee Club has been very active in its practice sessions and is always welcomed with loud applause.

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More power to you in the future, Glee Club!

## Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

With the opening of the scholastic year in September, 1949 it was decided to establish a Sodality at Saint John Kanty Prep. A group of intelligent and serious boys seeking Christian perfection and impelled by their devotion and love to the Blessed Virgin Mary, expressed their desire to become members of the Sodality. Realizing the necessity of such an organization in these, our troubled times, the boys determined to organize their spiritual forces in collaboration with other Sodalists throughout the world to make in prayer of reparation and sacrifices of expiation to stay the punishing hand of God as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

Whereupon a petition for creating a Sodality was dispatched to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Erie. In the meantime weekly meetings were convened during which the prospective members were instructed in the rules of the Sodality.

In November, a diploma, dated October 10, 1949, arrived from Rome stating that a Sodality is hereby canonically erected at St. John Kanty Prep by His Excellency John Mark Gannon, bishop of Erie Diocese, as of the 20th day of September under the title and invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima and the patronage of St. John Kanty. So being duly affiliated to the Prima Primaria every member enjoys all the privileges and indulgences granted to it.

On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the charter members gathered in chapel for their reception into the Sodality. After an exhortation by Reverend Joseph Pacorek, C.M., each boy individually approached the altar of the Blessed Mother and promised Her his love and devotion as a Sodalist.

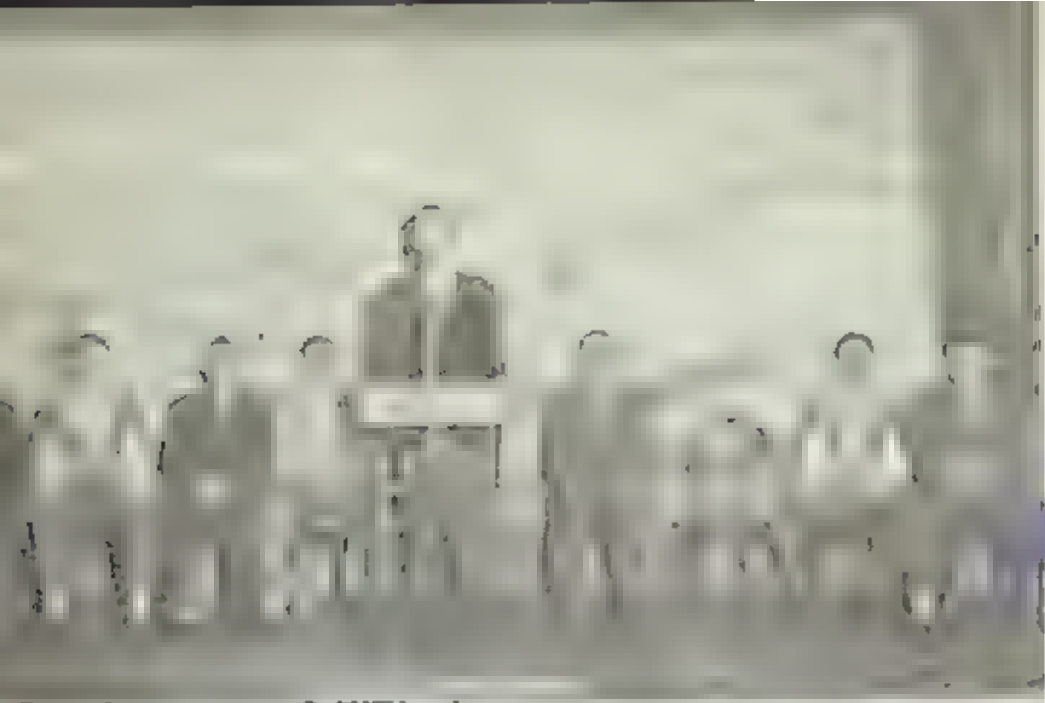
By the will of God and under the guidance of our Blessed Mother may this Sodality continue down the years to prosper for the greater glory of God and devotion to our Blessed Mother in Heaven.

### CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE SODALITY

Augustyn Dawid Dobrowski, <i>Secretary</i> Dziejma Gorecki	Gutowski, <i>Treasurer</i> Guzdek <i>Prefect</i> Humienny	Jakub Kaleta K Kuczwaj Koltuniak	Krasinski Kasich K Lukasik Modzelewski	Mszanowski Nowakowski Lah Peckey Reps	Oleszkowski Serwon Skow Trzeinski Ciok Dytkowski
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*Assisting, from left to right: Joseph Lanza, Father; Michael J. Holman, Chaplain; Arthur Oleszkowski, Harry Jakub, Father; Anthony Joseph, Joseph Lanza, Michael Kuczwaj, Father; Stephen Kasich, Stephen Krasinski, John K. Kuczwaj, Robert Reps, Walter Peckey, Robert Oleszkowski, Father; Rev. Charles Szumanski, C.M., Moderator; Secretary, Joseph Trzeinski; Treasurer, Louis Gutowski; Father; Rev. Charles Szumanski, C.M., Moderator; Secretary, Joseph Trzeinski; Treasurer, Louis Gutowski; Father; Rev. Charles Szumanski, C.M., Moderator; Secretary, Joseph Trzeinski; Treasurer, Louis Gutowski.*





## ORATORICAL CONTEST

Left to right: Stanley Albro, Ray  
mond Dombrowski, John Gaj, Francis  
Gorecki, Raymond Kij, Alfred  
Gorecki, John Kij, and Raymond  
Dombrowski.

## Forensic Society

The Forensic Society, moving a step further in its efforts at heightening the fostering of student interest in literature and public speaking, sponsored four programs for student participation in oration: an oration contest, a speech lesson, Junior-Senior debate and, finally, an inter-school debate.

The first undertaking of the society, the elocution contest, was a feature of the Saint John Kanty Day social celebration. Three Seniors and five Juniors strode to the speaker's platform and delivered their orations in graceful styles which, although not yet suggestive of Demosthenes, merited them a great amount of applause. After due deliberation, the judge awarded first place to Raymond Kij, with John Gaj and Edward Szulowski winning second and third place, respectively.

A prior discussion regarding the direct popular election of the President of the United States was staged among members of the senior class shortly before the commencement of the Thanksgiving vacation.

Then, after weeks of preparation, the long-awaited debate between the senior and senior classes took place on the main floor of the gymnasium. The topic, Resolved: That the President of the United States Should Be Elected by an Direct Vote of the People, involved so much investigation and research by the participants that the election of the President of the United States took place on the main floor of the gymnasium.

Two days later, the Seniors, victors of the inter-school debate, presented Kanty at Grand Mission House, where the same topic had been debated. Kanty, holding the affirmative side of the question, and the school, having forfeited on the Mission House gained the decision through a narrow margin of points.

Very Reverend Edward Grawitz, C.M., English professor Edward Dombrowski are to be commended diligently to the Forensic Society, and that they have done so with the Forensic Society.

## SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEBATING TEAMS

Left to right: Joseph Kij, Harry Dombrowski, John Gorecki, Raymond Kij, John Gaj, Stanley Filewicz, Stanley Albro and Raymond Dziejma.  
Standing: Thomas Salamon







Seated left to right, Raymond F. Karas, Joseph F. Kij, Eugene J. Hazewski, Prof. Florian A. Yezerski. Standing, left to right, Donald J. Sulecki, Edmund R. Gutowski, Stanley S. Liszka, Edward S. Dodolak, Raymond A. Solowski, Robert J. Peckey, Ronald A. Starkey.

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### ***Kanty Band on Parade***

This year, as in the past, the Kanty Band has been the source of tremendous pride to the faculty and student body.

As everyone knows, few students come here polished musicians. Through the excellent instruction given them by the music professor, hopeful candidates soon learn the fundamentals of martial and popular music.

The Kanty Band performs during school social events and national celebrations, much to the enjoyment of its listeners. In addition, several Erie fraternal organizations extend invitations to the band to participate in their functions. The Kanty Band also travels to Buffalo in order to display its talents at the annual May Day celebration sponsored by the Buffalo Amateur Association. The band's final appearance, however, is made in the yearly Memorial Day parade in Erie, where its natty uniforms, expert drilling and spirited playing draws words of admiration from the spectators.

The Music Room, home of the Kanty Band, has undergone a complete renovation during the past year. The walls have been done over to produce a stucco effect, and a large painted harp with the opening words of the Kanty March—"Raise up your voices to the Skies"—graces one side of the room. A large cabinet containing the various instruments covers another wall.

With the acquirement of more players, uniforms and instruments, as is planned, the Kanty Band of the future will continue to be one of the finest high school groups in Erie.



## ***Kanty Band***

*Band Master* ----- Professor Ignatius A. Chojnacki

*Student Director* ----- Stanislaus M. Wlazelek, '50

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Edward Goral  
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## ***Hobby Lobby***

Hobby Lobby, the club that provides Kantvites with an outlet for their creative energies, constitutes three divisions.

The first of these, and by far the most popular, is the Photography Club. Because of the facilities offered the students by Hobby Lobby, many students have shown an extreme interest in the taking and developing of films. A darkroom complete in all details, provides the amateur photographer with the means of developing his own pictures.

The Stamp Club reports the latest news in the world of stamps to its members and gives them an opportunity to exchange stamps among themselves. The Kanty philatelists use the Hobby Lobby club room as their gathering place to discuss their stamp collections.

A hobby which has attained great proportions in student interest is modeling. In the Hobby Lobby room, members of the Modeling Club gather to put the finishing touches on their miniature airplane, ship or whatever subject they may be painstakingly working on at the time.

Almost every student in school belongs to the Hobby Lobby club, a tribute to the organization which allows its members to spend many hours in constructive recreation under its auspices.

Keep up the good work, Hobby Lobby.

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*Reading left to right* Robert Peckey, Joseph Kij, John Gorecki, Raymond Karas, Alfred Gzregorick, Raymond Dziedzina and Edward Czerwinski





## *Kantianus—concluded*

The moderators of the 1950 Kantianus, Reverend John Janowski, C.M., and Professor Edwin Dombrowski, deserve high praise for the exceptionally fine work they have done in making the school paper such a success.

May the Kantianuses of the latter half of this one hundred years surpass those of the first half.

## *Chess Club*

*President—Christopher A. Kaleta, '50*

Always a feature in out-of-class activities at Kanty, the Chess Club this year was joined by twenty-four players, some expert, others novices at the game, but each enthusiastic and eager to improve his strategy and derive enjoyment from this oldest of games.

The members were selected at random to form two divisions of twelve men apiece, with each player to match his skill and experience against the other eleven men in his division. When this series was concluded, the player possessing the finest record in his respective division was to meet the winner of the other division in the struggle for the championship.

It was not strange, then, to hear calls of "Checkmate" or "En Guard" resound throughout the recreation room, where the members of the Chess Club would meet in spirited contests to decide the king of the chess world at Kanty.

From such a large turnout of candidates this year, the Chess Club shows high promise of continuing to be a success in the future.

### CHESS CLUB MEMBERS

*Sitting, left to right: Francis Mszanowski, Leon Nowakowski, Myron Noyszewski, Henry Jakuc, Alfred Gregorek, Christopher Kaleta, Joseph Kij, Edward Janik, and Robert Ciok. Standing, left to right: Louis Dytkowski, Richard Kuczwaj, Francis Reys, Eugene Hazewski, Edmund Gutowski, John Jakubowski, Raymond Dziejma, Peter Franckowski, Donald Skiba, Ronald Butkiewicz, Joseph Tizcinski, Joseph Masny, and George Baran*



## ***Last Will and Testament***

We, the graduating class of nineteen hundred and fifty, being strong of will and weak of minds, do hereby publish the following farce under the title of "The Last Will and Testament."

Article I—To the lower classmen, we leave our three most highly cherished possessions—fleeing study periods, delicacies of the supper table and the cheerful ringing of the bell.

Article II—To the Smoker, we, the Class of '50, donate an Oxygen Tank complete with gas mask attachments.

Article III—Chris "Old Faithful" Kaleta leaves his weekly supply of pork chops to "Red" Skiba, they may be claimed at the frozen food compartment in locker 9.

Article IV—"Tiny" Solawski bestows on Tom Salmon the title "Freshie's Hero."

Article V—Edward Dodolak grants his "drag" with Professor Yezerski to Stanley Albro.

Article VI—Harry "Zgink" Dombrowski grants his unequalled powers of logic in argumentation to Edward Hawthorne.

Article VII—Richard Gondek offers his most cherished possession—a white shirt—to Paul Kasich, who has admired it ever since formal photographs were taken.

Article VIII—Raymond Katis awards his unrecursed dramatics, especially in the smoker, to "Senator" Szeglowksi.

Article IX—The eccentricities of Joseph Kij are duly dispensed to "Weasel" Koltuniak.

Article X—Joseph Masny renders his many duties to Edwin Mazgaj.

Article XI—Frank Gyslerowicz bequeaths his blue suit to Ronald Polny.

Article XII—Bern Thorsen wishes to show his friendship to Raymond Dziejma by leaving him his one and only tie.

Article XIII—Stanley Wlazelek leaves his skill at grubbing in the "Kantyne" to David Schick.





ST. JOHN KANTY AID FESTIVAL, JUNE 26, 1949

1. Man ticket booth. 2. Cheesecake. 3. Hustler. 4. Ticket booth again. 5. Parking lot. 6. Mayor Martin at casher's booth. 7. Strollers. 8. Frank Milewski, winner of the Dodge. 9. Refreshment ticket booth. 10. Candy stand. 11. Man attraction. 12. Cooling off. 13. Penny pitch. 14. More cheesecake. 14. General view of festival grounds.

## *Last Will and Testament—concluded*

Article XIV—Leon Nowakowski grants his most prized possessions—his clarinet and band pieces—to Louis Dytkowski.

Article XV—Robert Peckey leaves his domineering nature to Frankowski.

Article XVI—Eugene Hazewski offers his personal notes on dieting without losing weight to "Jogi" Augustyn.

Article XVII—Edmund Gutowski leaves John Gaj, his trustworthy assistant, a mop and a bucket as a reminder of pleasant moments spent together in the "Kantync."

Article XVIII—Stan Liszka bestows Joe Jarosz with his reserved seat at the Penn Theatre.

Article XIX—Gene Topolski presents Peter Franckowiak with a plaque from Sealtest: "Form Good Habits By Drinking Milk."

Article XX—Ronald Starkey bestows John Goral with his bad habit of bumping into things.

Article XXI—John "Muscles" Gore leaves his pink shirt to Bill Humenny.

Article XXII—Edward "Beni" Janik presents his personal copy of "Wake Up and Live" to Edward Chybowski.

Article XXIII—Donald "Schnoz" Sulecki bequeaths his "Toni Home Permanent Kit" to Tom Kubacki.

Article XXIV—We leave all the noise, racket and commotion that we have produced exactly where we have produced them—throughout the school.

Article XXV—We leave the execution of this document to anyone who wants to kill it. (Don't rush, boys!)



# POLISH DAY, AUGUST 21, 1949

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Dombrowski. His pseudonym: "Zgnik." His phrase: "Want only." His pastime: Always in trouble. His possible future: Lawyer. His probable future: **Type setter.**

Gajdrowski. His pseudonym: "Guydo." His phrase: "What the Heev." His pastime: Corny jokes. His possible future: Chemist. His probable future: **Wrestler.**

Gondek. His pseudonym: "Rich." His phrase: "Get outta here." His pastime: Mysterious smile. His possible future: Business. His probable future: **Movie idol.**

Gorecki. His pseudonym: "John." His phrase: "Pssst, Pssst." His pastime: Behop. His possible future: Surgeon. His probable future: **Farmer.**

Gutowski. His pseudonym: "Goot." His phrase: "Don't bother me." His pastime: Seriousness. His possible future: Dentist. His probable future: **Psychiatrist.**

Hazewski. His pseudonym: "Hayes." His phrase: "Save me some." His pastime: Prescribing pills. His possible future: Priest. His probable future: **Model.**

Janik. His pseudonym: "Edda." His phrase: "G'mon Fat." His pastime: Talking in sleep. His possible future: Engineer. His probable future: **Senator.**

Kaletka. His pseudonym: "Chris." His phrase: "In Rochester . . ." His pastime: Silcburns. His possible future: Doctor. His probable future: **Butcher.**

Karas. His pseudonym: "Ray." His phrase: "I give up." His pastime: Tellin' someone off. His possible future: Teacher. His probable future: **Actor.**



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**Kij.** His pseudonym: "Stick." His phrase: "Whaat?" His pastime: Opinions. His possible future: Doctor. His probable future: Politician.

**Liszka.** His pseudonym: "Sonny." His phrase: "But, Father." His pastime: Queer laugh. His possible future: Coach. His probable future: Comedian.

**Masny.** His pseudonym: "Joe." His phrase: "Who got a package?" His pastime: Bossing freshies. His possible future: Business. His probable future: Sergeant.

**Nowakowski.** His pseudonym: "Nowy." His phrase: "Get me a freshee." His pastime: Patronizing Kantyne. His possible future: Doctor. His probable future: Trader.

**Peckey.** His pseudonym: "Peck." His phrase: "I'll kill 'em." His pastime: Narcissus complex. His possible future: Business. His probable future: Coach.

**Solowski.** His pseudonym: "Tiny." His phrase: "How 'bout that?" His pastime: Sleeping. His possible future: Doctor. His probable future: Janitor.

**Sturkey.** His pseudonym: "Duda." His phrase: "Beats me." His pastime: Helping Father. His possible future: Dentist. His probable future: Hell-driver.

**Salecki.** His pseudonym: "Snoz." His phrase: "Well Whoopee." His pastime: Confure. His possible future: Surgeon. His probable future: Playboy.

**Thorsen.** His pseudonym: "Bernie." His phrase: "Back home." His pastime: Talking basketball. His possible future: Business. His probable future: Juggler.

**Topolski.** His pseudonym: "Tops." His phrase: "Ain't got no more." His pastime: Writing love letters. His possible future: Teacher. His probable future: Mixologist.

**Wlazelek.** His pseudonym: "Stas." His phrase: "Got any gum." His pastime: Grubbing food. His possible future: Pharmacist. His probable future: Bartender.

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